

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash- Greenwood

Greenwood— The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred Saturday evening.

The incident occurred on November 9, 2019 at approximately 5:59 p.m., when a 2011 Kia Rio was traveling southbound on Sussex Highway (US 13), and had stopped in the cross over at the intersection of Woodyard Road, intending to turn left. A 2003 Ford Explorer was traveling northbound on Sussex Highway approaching the intersection with Woodyard Rd.. For unknown reasons, the operator of the Kia failed to see the Explorer traveling northbound and pulled out directly into it's path. As a result, the front of the Kia struck the left rear of the Explorer. After impact the Kia exited the intersection where it came to rest. The Explorer exited the roadway and traveled approximately 330 feet through the grass median rolling over multiple times before coming to rest upside down in the southbound lane of Sussex Highway.

The operator of the Kia, a 70-year-old female from Greenwood, DE was properly restrained and was transported to Bay Health Sussex Campus with non-life threatening injuries where she was treated and released. Impairment on her behalf is not deemed as a contributing factor in the crash.

The operator of the Explorer, a 33-year-old male from Camden-Wyoming, DE, who was properly restrained, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The right front passenger in the Explorer was not properly restrained and was ejected from the vehicle. He was transported to Christiana Hospital where he remains in

critical condition.

Both the northbound and southbound lanes of Sussex Highway were closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Collision Reconstruction Unit. No charges have been filed at this time.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov

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